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March 5, 1976

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your letter of February 20th.

Bayulken came by here. We had a relaxed lunch with him in my office.

Bar and I think of you often in your complicated assignment. Everything we hear is good, but then that doesn't surprise the Bushes. When you come here, please be sure to come by for lunch or for supper at the house. We'd love to see you. I'll never forget the last time you stayed with me when all hell broke loose on Cyprus.

Love to Phyllis. Warm regards,

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

George Bush

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The Honorable William B. Macomber
American Ambassador
American Embassy
Ankara, Turkey

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ankara, Turkey

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February 20, 1976

Dear George:

I was very sorry to have missed you when I was in Washington, but if we can keep things on the track here concerning the new US security agreement now being negotiated, I should be back on another flying visit, this time with the Foreign Minister, towards the end of March. If so, I will give you a call when I hit town.

In the meantime, I wanted to mention to you the name of a person who might be of help in your new job. He certainly was a great help to me when I was contending with that much beleaguered management job in the State Department. I installed him in the office right next to mine and used him as a chief trouble shooter, advisor and legal counsellor -- and what I really used was his judgment which I found to be excellent in helping me deal with the great variety of thorny problems. A man with wide government experience, he is a Harvard lawyer about my age who years ago was an aid to Senator H. Alexander Smith and then during the latter part of the Eisenhower Administration was chief legal counsel at USIA. In that latter capacity, he headed up both the Agency's legal department and its Congressional relations office. At the end of the Eisenhower Administration, he returned to the private practice of law as a partner of Berne Shanley's, was active in Republican politics on the money raising side, and eventually came to work with me as an act of friendship at a time when I needed, in my immediate office, all the good counsel I could get.

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The reason for my mentioning this to you now is that told me the other day he admired you, and if there was any way he could be of help to you in your new job, he would be glad to give it a try. I was pleased to hear this because if you need a high level trouble shooter or just a wise head to have near you, I can

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recommend him without reservation. He is not rank conscious, and doesn't care about titles -- rather he enjoys helping people he likes, particularly if he thinks they are doing work that is important. I realize you may not have any openings available or may already have your team set, but if in the days ahead you should have both an opening and a need for a person such as [] you might ask him to come to your office for a talk. His full name is []

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Finally, good luck to you! Our country is much in your debt for your taking on yet another tough job at a particularly tough time. Take care, and Phyllis joins in sending our very best to Bar and to you.

As ever,



William B. Macomber

P.S. We are telegraphing you a message today from your old buddy, Haluk Bayulken. As you probably know, he is now Secretary General of CENTO and will be on an official visit to Washington the first week in March.